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REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on January 18, 2006. Claims 1-31 were pending in the application, and the Examiner indicated that claim 18 contained allowable subject matter. Claim 1 has been amended to include claim 18 and all intervening claims. Therefore, Applicant submits that independent claim 1 is now allowable. Claims 2-5, 11, and 18-31 are canceled, claims 6 and 12-15 are amended for consistency, and the remaining claims are unchanged in the application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 1, 6-10, and 12-17.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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